

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 2437

For: RECEIVING ENCRYPTED DATA AND  
OUTPUTTING DATA VIA DATA LINK  
LAYER TO AVOID ROUTING (AS  
AMENDED)

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Examiner: N. Khoshnoodi

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TO ACCOMPANY RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 8, 2009, in the above-captioned case and is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Should an RCE not accompany this paper, please consider this paper as such an RCE.

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 7 of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	16		20		0
<b>Independent</b>	3		3		0